

STATE OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA.Divorce etc. Statistics

Writs Issued and Orders Granted in 5 year periods ended 1920 to 1950 and annually 1947 to 1952.

Particulars	Averages for 5 years ended -					
	1920	1930	1935	1940	1945	1950
<u>RITS</u>						
Divorce	64.4	152.2	235.6	311.4	616.2	777.0
Judicial Separation	1.2	1.8	0.4	-	1.4	1.0
Nullity of Marriage	-	1.8	0.6	.2	0.4	4.4
Total	65.6	155.8	236.6	311.6	618.0	782.4
<u>RDERS</u>						
Divorce - Nisi	37.8	126.8	189.0	258.2	504.8	651.0
Absolute	22.6	106.6	166.8	242.4	422.2	646.0
Judicial Separation	0.6	0.4	0.8	2.2	1.4	1.6
Nullity of Marriage	0.2	0.6	0.6	1.8	0.4	3.6
<u>ESTITUTION OF CONJUGAL RIGHTS.</u>						
Petitions	0.2	-	-	-	0.8	1.2
Decrees	-	-	-	-	0.8	0.4
	Years					
	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952
<u>RITS</u>						
Divorce	732	742	784	781	812	805
Judicial Separation	-	1	2	1	-	5
Nullity of Marriage	2	3	4	1	-	2
Total	734	746	790	783	812	812
<u>RDERS</u>						
Divorce - Nisi	655	601	675	615	608	596
Absolute	695	630	590	661	637	581
Judicial Separation	3	2	-	2	-	1
Nullity of Marriage	6	2	2	3	4	3
<u>ESTITUTION OF CONJUGAL RIGHTS.</u>						
Petitions	3	1	-	1	-	-
Decrees	1	1	-	-	-	-

Grounds on which Divorces etc. granted

	1951			1952		
	Petition by			Petition by		
	Husband	Wife	Total	Husband	Wife	Total
<u>DIVORCES ABSOLUTE</u>						
Adultery	119	115	234	125	105	230
Desertion	143	168	311	116	136	252
Habitual Cruelty	3	71	74	6	80	86
Insanity	3	3	6	1	-	1
Drunkenness	-	9	9	1	7	8
Failure to Maintain	-	2	2	-	4	4
Supposed Dead	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	1	1	-	-	-
Total	268	369	637	249	332	581
<u>NULLITY OF MARRIAGE</u>						
Impotence	2	1	3	1	1	2
Bigamy	-	1	1	1	-	1

3. Divorce Absolute - Numbers according to Duration of Marriage and Issue

Duration of Marriage Years	ISSUE - (Living Children under 16 years)								Total
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
<u>1951</u>									
0 - 4	42	19	2	-	-	-	-	-	63
5 - 9	106	79	39	12	3	-	-	-	239
10 - 14	40	37	31	19	7	4	-	-	138
15 - 19	14	26	20	16	6	1	3	1	87
20 - 24	20	15	5	3	1	1	-	-	45
25 - 29	18	5	7	-	-	1	-	-	31
30 - 34	16	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	22
35 - 39	8	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	9
40 - 44	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
45 - 49	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Total	267	185	106	50	18	7	3	1	637
<u>1952</u>									
0 - 4	38	20	2	-	-	-	-	-	60
5 - 9	77	59	40	12	2	1	-	-	191
10 - 14	49	35	31	13	5	3	-	1	137
15 - 19	18	18	24	12	3	4	-	1	80
20 - 24	25	13	6	4	2	-	-	-	50
25 - 29	18	12	1	1	-	-	-	-	32
30 - 34	17	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	21
35 - 39	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
40 - 44	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
45 - 49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	252	160	105	42	12	8	-	2	581

4. Divorce Absolute - Numbers according to Ages at time of Divorce.

Age of Husband	Age of Wife								Total
	Under 25	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49	50 & over	Not Stated	
<u>1951</u>									
Under 25	16	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	20
25 - 29	42	34	16	1	-	-	-	-	93
30 - 34	5	59	50	14	1	2	-	-	131
35 - 39	4	16	47	55	10	2	-	-	134
40 - 44	-	6	17	44	26	6	-	-	99
45 - 49	-	3	2	12	17	22	7	-	63
50 and over	-	1	2	1	16	17	55	-	92
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	5
Total	67	122	134	128	70	49	62	5	637
<u>1952</u>									
Under 25	15	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	16
25 - 29	32	38	9	1	-	-	-	-	80
30 - 34	7	54	48	6	2	-	-	-	117
35 - 39	2	15	52	38	10	4	-	-	121
40 - 44	-	6	15	29	31	2	1	-	84
45 - 49	-	4	4	11	30	18	7	-	74
50 and over	-	1	2	5	13	17	48	-	86
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3
Total	56	119	130	90	86	41	56	3	581